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For: ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL
FORMULATION IN THE FORM OF A
PLURALITY OF MICROCAPSULES FOR
PROLONGED RELEASE OF ACTIVE
PRINCIPLE(S) WITH LOW SOLUBILITY

Examiner: N. G. EBRAHIM

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

WO 96/11675 is in French, but includes an English-language abstract.

Applicants believe books referenced in the specification for general, conventional scientific techniques, are not relevant to the patentability of the claimed subject matter of the above-referenced application and have not listed them on form SB/08 or submitted copies, specifically, European Pharmacopoeia, 3rd Edition. Should the Examiner require a copy of this book, one will be supplied upon request.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), a concise explanation of the non-English reference, Dubernet et al., "La Microencapsulation: Ses Techniques et ses Applications en Biologie," L'actualite Chimique, 1986, pp. 19-28 is incorporated within the specification.


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